

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this amendment claim 1 has been amended to delete the final paragraph thereof and new claim 16 has been added reciting the feature previously recited in the final paragraph of claim 1. As is clear from the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the allowability of claim 1 was not related to the value of the predetermined width and accordingly this limitation has been removed from the independent claim and placed in a dependent claim.

Non-elected claims 11-14 have been canceled above consistent with the Examiner's Amendment. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected and now canceled claims 11-14.

As stated in the Examiner's Amendment, claims 3, 5, 7-10 should be rejoined and allowed with claim 1.

An early and favorable Action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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